

Deer Task Force  
Tuesday, October 15, 2013  
Town Hall, Old Town Road  
6:30 p.m.

Present: Ruth Perfido, Lisa Sprague, Heather Hatfield, Betsey Theve, George Mellor, Bill McKernan. Also present were Bill Rader and Barbara Baldwin.

Not Present: Becky Ballard, Paul Deane

Public Input – Mr. Rader presented copies of articles from various news sources. Those articles are attached.

Approval of minutes from August 13, 2013.

Minutes were approved with the deletion of a sentence in a motion by Ruth Perfido and seconded by George Mellor

Ayes 6(Perfido, Sprague, Hatfield, Theve, Mellor, McKernan) Nays 0 Absent 2(Ballard, Deane)

Ongoing Business

- Report re: Dem/landowners 9/30/2013 meeting – Tabled until Kim Gaffett could attend.
- Discussion re: support of State & Federal officials in deer reduction and educational initiatives. It was mentioned that Cathy Sparks is working on a non-recreational deer reduction plan. Educational issues were discussed.
- Discussion re: BIHS letter to Rhode Island Department of Health - A copy of that letter is attached as is the Council letter that accompanied it. Ms. Baldwin spoke about a need to have funds for at least one year to test for Lyme disease on people who have no health coverage. Heather Hatfield will look into the facts for reporting tick related diseases because there is no reporting of suspected, treated, or not tested individuals. The bull's eye rash is the only thing that is reported and a positive blood test.

New Business

- Report re: BIRA participation in fund raising activities – no report.
- Ticked off hat sales – Mr. McKernan reported on the hat sales – (attached). He will have a discussion with Bruce Johnson about price of the hats for next year. A motion was made by George Mellor and seconded by Betsey Theve to order 48 more hats.  
Ayes 6(Perfido, Sprague, Hatfield, Theve, Mellor, McKernan) Nays 0 Absent 2(Ballard, Deane).  
There was a discussion about where to sell the hats.

Next meeting November 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes Accepted: 11/12/2013

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Bonny Ryan